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Further to our letter of 21 January 1991 (S/22153), and in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 678 (1990), Canadian Armed Forces in the Persian Gulf region continue to participate with other members of the United Nations in military action to enforce Iraqi compliance with resolution 660 (1990) and all subsequent relevant resolutions.

Military aircraft of the Canadian Forces continue to provide air defence of multinational shipping in the Persian Gulf and to support multinational air operations. Her Majesty's Canadian ships continue to operate in the Persian Gulf in support of multinational naval operations. A Canadian military hospital is in the process of deploying to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the purpose of providing assistance to the armed forces of the United Kingdom in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Geneva Convention for the care and treatment of all casualties of war.

As you are aware, the world has recently witnessed a massive threat to the environment in the Gulf as a result of deliberate actions by Iraqi forces. Canada has despatched, at the request of Bahrain and Qatar, a team of experts to determine what assistance we might provide. Canada, working in cooperation with other countries and agencies, will do all in its power to minimize the impact of this disaster.

I should be grateful if you could have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) L. Yves FORTIER, Q.C., O.C.
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